




OAKHAM
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT
of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
for the
YEAR ENDING
31ST DECEMBER, 1965



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A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

1965

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	52,551
Registrar General's estimate of population	12,450
Number of inhabited houses	2,999
Rateable Value	£320,220
Sum represented by a penny rate	£1252-13-8d.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live-Births - Legitimate	130	111	241
Illegitimate	5	6	11
	135	117	252
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			<u>E & W 1964</u>
Live Birth Rate	Crude 20.2	Corrected 20.4	18.4
Death Rate	Crude 7.1	Corrected 8.9	11.3
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	27.7		20.0

CAUSES OF DEATH

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	3
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	5	6
Diabetes	-	1
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	4	5
Coronary Disease, Angina	6	3
Hypertension with heart disease	1	1
Other heart disease	6	5
Other circulatory disease	2	3
Pneumonia	1	12
Bronchitis	1	2
Other Disease of Respiratory System	1	-
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	2	-
Congenital malformations	2	1
Other defined and ill defined diseases	1	3
Motor vehicle accidents	2	-
All other accidents	3	-
Suicide	2	-
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	41	47
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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

Medical Officer of Health

J. Young, MB, Ch.B, DPH to 31.3.65.

W.L. Palmer, MB.BS, DPH, DTM & H from 1.4.65.

Public Health Inspector

G.E. Wells, Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspector's Examination, Royal Sanitary Institute, Meat and Other Foods; & Certificates in General Hygiene and Sanitary Engineering.

The Public Health Inspector is also the Surveyor of the Rural District.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Examination of specimens from this area was carried out during the year at the Public Health Laboratory, Leicester as follows:-

Nose and Throat Swabs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
Faeces and Urines	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
Blood	1
Sputum	4
Vaginal & Cervical swabs	2
Waters	2
Food	9
Miscellaneous	8
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PREVALANCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND
OTHER DISEASES.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1965

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total cases</u> <u>Notified.</u>	<u>Cases Admitted</u> <u>to Hospital.</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Deaths.</u>
Measles	211	-	-
Whooping Cough	4	-	-
Pneumonia	1	-	-
Scarlet Fever	6	-	-
Mumps	1	-	-
Chicken Pox	1	-	-

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Under</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>Over 65</u>
	1	2	3	4	5	9	14	24	44	64	
Measles	9	17	23	20	14	118	8	1	1	-	-
Whooping cough	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Mumps	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chicken Pox	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet fever	-	-	2	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS

I am pleased to report that no new cases were notified during the year.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

Number of Samples taken for analysis:-

(a) from wells	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
(b) from piped supply	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2

Results from Samples taken:-

(a) from wells:-	Satisfactory	..	..	-
	Unsatisfactory	..	..	3
(b) from piped supply:-	Satisfactory	..	..	2
	Unsatisfactory	..	..	-

Number of wells:-

(a) closed.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
(b) cleansed, repairs etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2

Number of cases in which piped supply was provided 37

Number of Parishes with pipe water supply:-

(a) from public mains	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
(b) from private reservoirs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2

Number of Parishes without a piped water supply 2

During the year thirty-seven additional water connections to houses were made and piped water supplies are now available to practically the whole of the dwellings in the Rural District. Only two parishes with very few houses, namely Leighfield and Martinsthorpe, are without public or private piped water supplies.

There are private water supplies to twenty-nine properties at Egleton and Gunthorpe, and Cottesmore Aerodrome has its own water supply to five-hundred and thirty-two houses at the Married Quarters there.

Water is provided to over two thousand premises in the remaining twenty-four parishes from the mains of the Leicester City Corporation, which acquired this Council's water undertaking in 1959. Existing supplies in the northerly parishes of the District have been augmented by the Corporation from its mains in adjoining Districts. The Leicester City Corporation has **also** taken over the responsibility of supplying water to the North Luffenham R.A.F. Station (which includes a large number of properties in the parish of Edith Weston), and of providing a reserve supply for Cottesmore Aerodrome.

Water supplies in the District generally can be regarded as quite satisfactory in both quality and quantity. Analyses are made regularly by the staff of the Leicester City Water Department, and no case of plumbo-solvency has ever been reported in this area. The fluoride content of the water supplies in any part of the District is less than 0.2 p.p.m., and the Council has already decided that no objection be raised to any proposal for the addition of fluoride to water supplies in this area.

Particulars of the piped supplies in the various parishes, as required by the Ministry of Health, are as follows:-

December, 1965

WATER SUPPLIES

OAKHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Name of Parish.		No. of dwellings with piped water supply.	Farm and Other Connections.
ASHWELL	L	90	20
BARLEYTHORPE	L	42	7
BARROW	L	21	10
BRAUNSTON	L	107	19
BROOKE	L	4	5
BURLEY	L	87	33
COTTESMORE	L	137	33
EDITH WESTON	L	367	12
EGLETON	P	21	4
EMPINGHAM	L	217	24
EXTON	L	211	44
GREETHAM	L	152	20
GUNTHORPE	P	8	1
HAMBLETON	L	51	29
HORN	L	3	3
LANGHAM	L	304	34
LEIGHFIELD	-	-	-
LYNDON	L	32	6
MANTON	L	92	18
MARKET OVERTON	L	144	27
MARTINSTHORPE	-	-	-
NORMANTON	L	13	1
STRETTON	L	38	12
TEIGH	L	23	14
THISTLETON	L	31	11
TICKENCOTE	L	16	2
WHISSENDINE	L	229	33
WHITWELL	L	20	10
COTTESMORE AERODROME	A.M.	532	-
		<u>2992</u>	<u>432</u>

L. Leicester City Water Department Supply.

P. Private Piped Supply.

A.M. Air Ministry Supply.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area - continued.

Drainage and Sewerage

Number of Cesspools constructed during the year	2
Number of Cesspools abolished during the year	10
Total number on 31st December, 1965	269

Due attention was given during 1965 to the maintenance of existing sewers and village drains of the District, and general repairs were carried out as necessary. The modern sewerage systems and sewage disposal works already installed at Braunston, Cottesmore and Greetham, Empingham, Edith Weston, Exton, Manton, Market Overton and Whissendine continued to function satisfactorily, and at Langham the extension of the works necessary to fully meet the additional requirements of the village, (where considerable building has taken place in recent years), was finally completed, and these sewage works are now operating to the complete satisfaction of the River Board. Still further consultations have taken place between the Air Ministry and the Council regarding the alterations needed at the Cottesmore Sewage Works which serves the R.A.F. Station there; and agreement has been reached as to the exact modifications required and as to how the costs of the proposed works might be apportioned between the Authorities. Since further building is contemplated at the Married Quarters of the Aerodrome and considerable extensions of both private and Council estates in the villages of Cottesmore and Greetham is taking place, it is hoped that the enlargement of the works will take place at an early date.

Plans and specifications of new sewerage systems and disposal works at Ashwell and Tickencote have been drawn up, and in the case of Ashwell these have been submitted to and approved by both the River Board and the Ministry of Housing and Local Government. The scheme for the smaller village of Tickencote has been laid before the River Board, and it is anticipated that these plans will also be in the hands of the Ministry shortly. The method of final treatment of sewage at Ashwell is by the village septic tank, which is known to be grossly overloaded, and the installation of the new sewerage system there is becoming a matter of great urgency.

The sewers of two small villages, namely Barleythorpe and Eggleton, which are both situated in close proximity to the town of Oakham, are now connected to the disposal works of the Oakham Urban District Council where the sewage receives final treatment.

The Council has already given very careful consideration to the possibility of sewerage the villages of Hambleton and Stretton, and in connection with which schemes have already been drawn up but were deferred owing to the heavy costs likely to be involved due to the scattered nature of the properties in these parishes. While no further action is to be taken for the time being at Stretton, the scheme for Hambleton has been modified and is to be submitted to the Ministry shortly for consideration.

During 1965 some further conversions of pail-lavatories to water-closets were carried out as shown in the figures given below:-

Water Closets	2848
Pail Closets	151
Number of closets converted to the water carriage system during the year:-	
Pail Closets	15

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The Council's arrangements for fortnightly collections of refuse by direct labour from houses in the villages of the District, and weekly collections at the Married Quarters at the R.A.F. Stations at Cottesmore and Edith Weston, were again carried out without undue interruption during the course of 1965, and once again, very few complaints in connection with this service were lodged.

A new "Pakamatic" scavenging lorry has been ordered by the Council and is due for delivery early in 1966. The possibility of instituting a weekly collection of refuse from the larger part of the District will then receive consideration by the Council.

Tipping is being carried out in a disused ironstone cutting at Barrow and on a site adjoining the Lyndon Road at Manton. Use is also being made for this purpose of a former stone quarry at Empingham.

Collections of night-soil have again been carried out by direct labour in most of the unsewered parishes in the District, and the Council have arranged for the emptying by Contractors of the village septic tank at Ashwell, and will continue to do so until the new sewerage system to be installed there is in full operation. In addition several septic tanks situated on the Council's housing estates have been attended to by Contractors from time to time.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The particulars given under this heading are for all purposes including those given elsewhere in this report.

Total number of complaints received 505

Total number of defects or nuisances discovered 487

<u>Nature of Inspections</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Re-visits</u>
Dwelling Houses	783	1042
Tents, Vans, Etc.	28	53
Slaughter Houses	Nil	Nil
Dairies and Cowsheds	1	11
Offensive Trades	Nil	Nil
Animal Keeping	4	15
Workshops, Etc.	26	73
Shops	33	151
Other Premises	304	819
	<u>1179</u>	<u>2164</u>

The Public Health Inspector made 1294 visits to the various parishes of the District. In addition 18 visits were made outside the District.

Notice

<u>Preliminary.</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Others</u>
Outstanding 1st January	-	-
Issued during the year	411	94
Complied with during year	411	94
Statutory action necessary	14	6
Outstanding 31st December	-	-
<u>Statutory</u>		
Outstanding 1st January	-	-
Issued during the year	14	6
Complied with during year	14	6
Statutory action necessary	-	-
Outstanding 31st December	-	-

Shops

33 Inspections and 151 re-visits were made to shops in the District during the year, and action was taken to improve the sanitary arrangements at two shops.

Camping Sites

Number of sites in the area used for camping purposes during the year 28

Number of camping sites for which licences have been issued .. 28

Estimated maximum number of campers resident in the area during summer months 430

<u>Regulated Buildings</u>	<u>Number in District</u>	<u>No. of Inspections</u>
Tents, Vans, Sheds, Etc.	163	81

The figures shown under Camping Sites above do not include caravans or other temporary dwellings used on the local Aerodromes, which are subject to the direct control of the Government Department concerned.

During 1965 three further sites in the area were licensed for Camping purposes, but no applications to increase the number of vans on existing sites were received or approved.

Apart from several groups of vans at one of the R.A.F. Stations, the only large encampment authorised in the District is at Langham, used chiefly during the summer months, but with some caravan-dwellings occupied during the whole of the year. Suitable sanitary accommodation and other facilities have been provided by the owner of the land to the satisfaction of the Council, and no complaints concerning the premises have been received from any of the occupants there.

PEST CONTROL

During the course of the year the Pests Control Officer employed jointly by this and four nearby District Councils, died, and it was proposed that, in common with the other Rutland Councils, the Control of Pests in future be placed in the hands of Contractors. This arrangement was adopted here and has now been in operation for some months, and is working quite satisfactorily.

HOUSING

Action under the Housing Acts during 1965 resulted in ten premises being closed as unfit for habitation and four houses being demolished.

During the course of the year, payment of twenty-six improvement grants under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958 and the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 towards the costs of modernising private properties were approved subject to satisfactory completion of the works by the owners.

The total number of houses and bungalows owned by the Council at the end of 1965 was four-hundred-and-thirty, of which one-hundred-and-nine were built prior to 1940.

The number of applicants for Council Houses on the Housing Register at the close of the year was two-hundred-and-four, of which forty-five were from persons living outside of the District, and twenty-three from tenants of Council Houses within the area who wished to exchange tenancies.

PROVISIONS OF NEW HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

During 1965, four houses at Cottesmore were completed and let by the Council. Twenty-six additional houses and bungalows were also being built for the Council in the parishes of Cottesmore and Greetham.

Fifty houses were built by private persons during 1965, and construction of further houses by the Air Ministry at the Married Quarters at the R.A.F. Stations at Cottesmore and Edith Weston was also in hand.

The Council has now acquired additional sites for house-building purposes at Empingham and Edith Weston, and it is anticipated that building works there will be put in hand early in 1966.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply.

Number of Dairies (not being Farm Premises) on Register	1
Number of inspections of premises	12
Number of contraventions outstanding from previous year	-
Contraventions remedied during year	1
Number of contraventions outstanding 31st December	-

No ice-cream is manufactured in this area for sale, but there are twenty-seven premises registered by the Council from which pre-packed ice-cream is sold.

Meat and other Foods

Twenty-six inspections were made of Meat Shops, Meat Stores and Preparing Rooms, and ninety-one inspections and re-inspections of premises where food other than meat was kept or prepared for sale.

The usual method of disposing of condemned food in this District is by burning.

Since slaughtering at the last three remaining slaughter-houses in this District ceased on June 30th, 1963 (as required by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food under the provisions of the Slaughterhouse Act of 1958), all meat sold from the six butchers' shops in this District has been obtained from animals killed elsewhere, and no difficulty seems to have arisen in maintaining a constant supply.

During 1965 it was necessary to arrange for the condemnation and destruction of one box of liqueur chocolates, 1 lb. tin of ham, eleven pounds of ox-liver and one hundred and nineteen sixteen-ounce packets of preserved foods.

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1960

The whole of the shops in the District were inspected and practically all reinspected during the course of 1965 for the purpose of securing compliance with the above Regulations. It was again found that, generally speaking, the shops were very well maintained and the requirements relating to the handling of foods were being observed in a satisfactory manner. It was, however, necessary for a new drain to be laid and a suitable handbasin and hot water service provided in one of the shops, and at another attention had to be given to the drains.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948 - Section 47 - Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention

It was unnecessary during 1965 to take legal action to remove any elderly persons to suitable Homes under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act. Enquiries were, however, carried out in several cases where information was received that old people might be living in difficult circumstances, but in no instance was direct intervention by this Council required to secure the removal of persons concerned.

THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

During 1965, use of two premises previously registered under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963 was discontinued and the names removed from the Register. Inspections were made at the remaining 24 Registered Premises for the purpose of enforcement of the Regulations. Due to the absence of any large industrial premises in the District, the premises concerned were practically without exception of very small size, and did not include any large wholesale warehouses, shops or other similar establishments.

APPENDIX

Factories Act, 1961

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1961.

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	No. on Reg- ister. (2)	Number of		
		Inspec- tions. (3)	Written Notices. (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted. (5)
(1) Factories in which Sec- tions. 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Loc- al Authorities	1	8	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec- tion 7 is enforced by the Local Authority. ..	4	16	-	-
(3) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (Excluding out-workers' Premises)..	20	81	3	-
TOTAL .. .	25	105	3	-

2 - Cases in which Defects were found:-

Particulars (1)	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspec- tor. (4)	By H.M. Inspec- tor. (5)	Number of cases in which pro- secutions were in- stituted. (6)
Want of Cleanli- ness. (S.1.)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.) (b) Unsuitable or defective.	-	-	-	-	-
Other Offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	3	3	-	-	-
TOTAL ..	3	3	-	-	-

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1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Number of				Premises	(1)
Occupiers Prosecuted.	Written Notices.	Inspec- tions.	No. on Reg- ister. (2)		
(5)	(4)	(3)	(2)	(1)	
-	-	8	1	(1) Factories in which Sec- tions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 are to be enforced by Loc- al Authorities	
-	-	16	4	(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec- tion 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ..	
-	3	61	20	(3) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (Excluding out-workers' Premises)	
-	3	105	25	TOTAL	

2 - Cases in which Defects were found:-

Number of cases in which pro- secutions were in- stituted.	By H.M. Inspec- tor.	To H.M. Inspec- tor.	Remedied	Found	Particulars	(1)
(6)	(5)	(4)	(3)	(2)	(1)	
-	-	-	-	-	Want of Cleanli- ness. (S.1.)	
-	-	-	-	-	Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.) (b) Unavailable or defective.	
-	-	-	3	3	Other Offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	
-	-	-	3	3	TOTAL ..	

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork
(Section 133 and 134)

Nature of work.	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c) (2) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending list to the Council. (3)	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply lists. (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises. (5)	Notices served. (6)	Prosecutions. (7)
Wearing apparel. Making etc.	25	-	-	-	-	-
Lace, lace curtains and nets.	2	-	-	-	-	-
Artificial flowers.	5	-	-	-	-	-
Furniture and Upholstery.	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	32	-	-	-	-	-

PART VII OF THE ACT

Outwork
(Section 133 and 134)

Section 134		Section 133		Nature of work.	
Process cut	No. of in- stances of work in premises.	No. of pro- cessions for failure to supply list.	No. of cases of default in sending list to the Council.	No. of out- workers in August list received by Section 133 (1) (2) (3) (4)	(1)
-	-	-	-	32	Wearing aprons, boots etc.
-	-	-	-	2	lace, lace curtains and caps.
-	-	-	-	2	Artifi- cial flowers.
-	-	-	-	-	Furniture and upholstery.
-	-	-	-	32	TOTAL